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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), please use the last-filed computer readable form of the Sequence Listing filed in US Patent Application No. 09/445,803 on December 13, 1999 as the computer readable form for the instant application. The computer readable form of the Sequence Listing filed in US Patent Application No. 09/445,803 was in full compliance with all of the requirements under 37 CFR § 1.821 (e).

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I hereby state, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.821(f) and to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing in the above-identified patent application, filed herewith, is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in US Patent Application No. 09/445,803, filed on December 13, 1999. No new matter has been added.

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